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**Mr. J. Cwiak, standing, and Mr. J. McGee from the North Las Vegas Fire Department look for hot spots and possible flare-ups during the cleanup phase.**

## Nellis firefighters extinguish blaze

By Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi  
AWFC Public Affairs

The Nellis Fire Department, in a combined effort with the Clark County Fire Department, extinguished a fire Nov. 30 in the mobile home park directly across from the Tyndall Street gate.

"We were first notified of a fire on base," said Mr. Mike Boley, Nellis fire chief. "When we rolled out, we realized it was across from the Nellis gate."

First on scene at the fire, the Nellis team initiated a quick attack to prevent any loss of life or further loss of property.

"The owner was across the street and not in danger when we got there," said Mr. Boley. "There were no hydrants avail-

able, so we used the water in our two structural pumper-trucks. By the time the Clark County Fire Department got there, the home was fully engulfed. They tied their truck into ours, giving us another 600 gallons of water."

The chief said he then called for the 6,000-gallon tanker truck from Nellis. When it was all over after nearly three hours firefighting and cleaning up, more than 7,000 gallons of water was used to contain the fire.

"The adjacent home started to get some damage so we moved a hose to protect it," Mr. Boley said. "We were able to save it from any significant damage."

During the cleanup phase, some of the children who live in the mobile home park brought an

exploded oxygen tank to the fire chief. They had found it several rows away.

"The owner is on oxygen. One of his tanks must have exploded and flown across the park," Mr. Boley said. "During the clean-up we found four or five unexploded tanks in the debris. If these had exploded, it would have been a lot worse. The quick attack prevented it."

Nellis firefighters are accustomed to working closely with the Clark County Fire Department.

"We train with them all the time and it pays off," the chief said. "We worked well together to prevent the fire from spreading and leaving many families homeless during this holiday season."





# Anthrax vaccination schedule will slow

By Mrs. Linda Johnsrud  
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Anthrax shots are on the slowdown! Department of Defense officials announced the further slowdown of its anthrax vaccine immunization program due to the short supply of the vaccine. This move is necessary to conserve available vaccine supply while protecting those members at greatest risk. Only those members going to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan, Qatar, Oman, UAE, Yemen, or Israel for more than 30 days will receive the vaccine.

A full resumption of the vaccination effort will begin when a sufficient supply of FDA-approved and

certified safe and effective vaccine is available next year.

Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen said, "We need to assure a sufficient, long-term supply of the vaccine. Protecting our service members is far too important for us to rely on a single source. We are immediately and aggressively seeking a second U.S. source of anthrax vaccine."

More than 455,000 service members have started their vaccinations and more than 1.8 million vaccinations have been given. To be fully protected, service members are vaccinated using the FDA-approved protocol of six immunizations over an 18-month period, plus annual boosters.

Some scenarios service members could face:

- If only one dose in the primary series has been administered and more than two years have elapsed, restart the primary immunization series with the first dose.

- If one dose in the primary series has been administered but less than two years have elapsed or two or more doses have been administered, the primary series does not need to be restarted. Resume the primary series with administration of the next dose in the series. Administer subsequent doses of vaccine at intervals based on the date the last dose was given, not when it was originally scheduled.

- If an annual booster has not been administered on time, administer the booster dose at the earliest possible date, adjusting the subsequent booster schedule accordingly. Once the primary doses are complete, the primary series is never repeated.

Being late does not reduce the ultimate level of immunity achieved. But being late causes a delay in reaching the state of immunity.

If you are deploying to Southwest Asia for more than 30 days, you will receive your anthrax immunizations in country. More information on anthrax is available at [www.anthrax.osd.mil](http://www.anthrax.osd.mil).

## Exchange charge card before expiration

By Mr. Gerry Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

Many authorized Department of Defense military and civilian employees whose government travel charge cards have expired are exchanging their NationsBank "plastic" for Bank of America Visa cards.

NationsBank, the previous DoD travel charge card contractor, merged two years ago with the Bank of America, said Mr. Larry Murray, the component program manager for Washington Headquarters Services, a service organization for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Travel cards that were issued in 1998 will soon expire because travel cards are valid for only a two-year period.

"It is important for all cardholders to be aware of the expiration date stamped on their travel cards because thousands of cards will expire at the end of each month," said Mr. Murray, who noted that there are about 1.5 million travel cardholders in DoD.

Mr. Murray provides the following information to cardholders whose travel cards will soon expire:

- Cardholders should receive a letter from Bank of America no later than 30 days before the expiration date stamped on the card. It is imperative to keep the letter because it contains a card receipt and activation code that is needed to activate the account. Customers should call Bank of America

24-hour service phone number at 1-800-472-1424 if they do not receive the letter at least 30 days prior to their card's expiration date.

- Cardholders should receive their renewal cards approximately two weeks after they receive their letter, but no later than 15 days before their card expires. Those expecting to be traveling or on leave at that time should call Bank of America and request that their renewal cards be mailed earlier.

- Upon receipt of their renewal cards, customers should immediately call Bank of America to acknowledge receipt and to activate the account. Use the telephone number and the activation code contained within the Bank of America letter to activate the account.

- The renewal card should have the same account number that is stamped on customers' present travel card. If the account numbers do not agree, notify Bank of America. Customers should then sign the back of the new card and destroy the old card.

- Customers whose accounts are in a closed or cancelled status will not be issued a renewal card.

- Those who presently have a travel card, but have never called Bank of America to acknowledge its receipt, will not be issued a renewal card.

On May 1, it became mandatory for DoD travelers to use the travel card to pay for official travel expenses.

## Top Army, Air Force generals arrive for talks

The Army Chief of Staff and the Air Force Chief of Staff, along with their top generals, arrived here Saturday for the Army-Air Force Warfighter Talks 2000 that began Tuesday and concluded Wednesday.

The purpose of the annual Army-Air Force Warfighter Talks is to provide a forum for discussion between the two services, strengthen joint warfighting capabilities, enhance mutual confidence and advance service visions for the future.

The theme for the talks this year is *Air Ground Team: 21st Century Operations*.

The conference participants discussed topics such as national military strategy, defense planning, training, readiness, doctrinal issues and lessons learned from Operation Allied Force.

The next projected talks are scheduled for Fall 2001.

For more information on the Army-Air Force Warfighter Talks, visit <http://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xop/xops/warfighter/index.html>.

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# ACC chief stresses importance of NCOs

**By Staff Sgt. Tammy Brubaker**  
**49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (ACCNS) — Air Combat Command's top chief said the burden of the many changes the Air Force has experienced lately has fallen squarely on the backs of the NCO corps — and NCOs will continue to carry those burdens in the future.

Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Keane, the command chief master sergeant for Air Combat Command, recently visited Holloman Air Force Base and discussed enlisted issues with a variety of enlisted members and enlisted organizations such as the First Sergeants, Top 3, Middle Two and Airman councils.

During a meeting with Holloman's Middle Two,

Chief Keane addressed several issues affecting the enlisted corps. He also let the NCOs know how important they've been, and will continue to be.

"The last 10 years have been the most turbulent 10 years in Air Force history, and we did it on the back of the NCOs," Chief Keane said. "Our NCOs have kept the Air Force together — they are the backbone of the military."

Mentoring was one hot issue the chief discussed. He explained that two-way communication is the key to being a good mentor.

"Why wait until a performance feedback to talk to your troops?" the chief said. "Leaders have to create an atmosphere in their shop to make people want to be there. Take care of them and work as a team."

NCOs have earned and deserve more of a pay raise than what they've been given recently, according to Chief Keane.

"(Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force) Jim Finch summed it up very well when he said 'I expected a car payment, not a tank of gas.' We all deserve more money," he said.

The chief gave supervisors a word of advice: maintain standards so subordinates know what to expect.

"When I visit units, I can take a look at the senior NCO that's greeting me outside and I know what I've got inside," the chief said. "If the senior NCO is sloppy, chances are the unit is too."

"Tough love" was a phrase the chief mentioned often. He said that supervisors need to be firm and make sure subordinates live up to Air Force standards.

"NCOs have a tough job," he said. "We need to get back to some 'tough love' and your young airmen expect it when they come out of technical school. They want someone to give them some positive discipline."

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**Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Keane**  
**Air Combat Command**

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let them know who they are and what they expect from them."

The chief, a 26-year Air Force veteran originally from the Bronx in New York City, suggested that supervisors stand fast and let airmen occasionally take a hit — or take the credit.

"Sometimes you have to get out of the way and let them fail. Just don't let them get hurt," the chief explained. "Nobody should be trying to make themselves look good. Make your airmen look good, then you look good automatically."

One of the hottest issues facing the Air Force today was also brought up to the chief — retention. He admitted that retention percentages are less than the Air Force goal, and more money is not the only solution.

"I tell airmen all the time, 'If you don't like your job, don't worry about it — your job will change.' But you have to like being an airman, the way of life and what we stand for."

"I can't pay you enough to die for your country," Chief Keane said. "We don't do this for the money. If you want to go make a lot of money, get out. But if you want to have a good time, stay in."

## Thunderbird schedule

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, Thunderbirds, has announced their 2001 air show schedule. The team is scheduled to perform more than 60 shows in 29 states and will visit the Pacific for the first time since 1994. The 2001 schedule is as follows:

### March

- 24 Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
- 25 Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.
- 31 Glendale, Ariz.

### April

- 1 Glendale, Ariz.
- 7 NAS Point Mugu, Calif.
- 8 Beale Air Force Base, Calif.
- 21 Barksdale Air Force Base, La.
- 22 Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 28-29 Lincoln ANG Base, Neb.

### May

- 5-6 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- 12 Millington, Tenn.
- 13 Fort Smith, Ark.
- 19-20 Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
- 26-27 Columbia, Mo.
- 30 USAF Academy, Colo.

### June

- 2-3 NAS Fallon, Nev.
- 9 Hill Air Force Base, Utah
- 10 Cannon Air Force Base, N.M.
- 16-17 McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
- 23-24 Tullahoma, Tenn.
- 30 Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

### July

- 1 Niagara Falls, N.Y.
- 4 Battle Creek, Mich.
- 7-8 Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
- 14 Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
- 15 San Angelo, Texas
- 21-22 Dayton, Ohio
- 25 Cheyenne, Wy.
- 28-29 Latrobe, Pa.

### August

- 4-5 Otis ANG Base, Mass.
- 11 Minot Air Force Base, N.D.
- 12 Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D.
- 18-19 Chicago, Ill.
- 25-26 Mid-season break

### September

- 1-3 Bay St. Louis, Miss.
- 8 Muskogee, Okla.
- 9 Sioux City, Iowa.
- 15-16 Salinas, Calif.

### Pacific Tour

Sept. 20 through Oct. 28  
(Specific locations to be announced)

### November

- 3 Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.
- 4 Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
- 10-11 Daytona Beach, Fla.







## Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

### 652-4636



Col. Del Eulberg 99th Air Base Wing commander

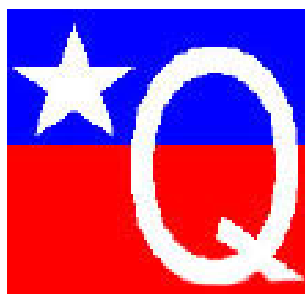
Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Del Eulberg. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail at: [commander.action@nellis.af.mil](mailto:commander.action@nellis.af.mil). Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

#### Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044  
Commissary - 643-7919  
Child Development Center I - 652-4241

# BX gas station too small



Most vehicles are filled on the right side, therefore request consideration to

simplify things by having the direction of travel alternated, allowing vehicles to access the pumps from both directions. Whenever I fill my tank there are long lines at the pumps in the south direction, while, what could be the north fill lanes are empty. I'm aware that it will take some serious thought to redesign the traffic flow for the fuel pumps. Maybe, a single line on each side of the pumps, feeding into multiple-fill lanes? In my opinion, there is sufficient room to make these adjustments, making for a more efficient operation and maybe a much happier clientele.



In the last several years, Army and Air Force Exchange Service has looked at the traffic flow to

try to improve both the waiting lines and the ability to serve as many customers as possible in the quickest time. Studies have shown that our current traffic pattern is the safest, most efficient one for the limited space at the Car Care Center. Earlier this year we eliminated parking spaces to allow for more efficient queuing. That has helped, but obviously it has not eliminated all the frustrations.

There are several good points made for opening traffic lanes in both directions; unfortunately, in analyzing the possibility of doing that, there are many more negatives that need to be considered than positives. The major problem is that the Car Care Center was not designed for the volume of cars that it now services. The pump island design itself limits the

amount of flexibility we have with traffic flow.

The second biggest limiting factor is the amount of space available for cars to line up and its effect on the traffic flow on the west (Commissary) side of the pumps. A line of two cars on that side would effectively block the traffic flow both in and out of the Car Care Center. This arrangement would mean the vehicles that refuel on their right would have to compete head on with right-hand fueling vehicles for the opportunity to access the gas pumps, a very dangerous situation.

AAFES is also looking at the possibility of adding an additional 24-hour credit card only pump island on the west side of the Car Care Center. This project is on hold right now awaiting completion of an environmental abatement project. However, changing the current traffic flow patterns would effectively eliminate the possibility of any expansion there. If you have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Mr. John Morrison, the AAFES General Manager at 644-4422.



# Commentary: Deciding to stay or go?

By Chief Master Sgt. Glynn Ward  
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DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — Recently, a young, aggressive, energetic, and highly visible staff sergeant here came to me for some advice concerning his re-enlistment. I was surprised by his visit because I just expected this particular non-commissioned officer to be a career person and I couldn't believe he came to me for advice.

This NCO is a six-year enlistee, well on track for a successful career, and is completely aware of the advantages and benefits of a military career. In fact, he didn't even want to discuss or consider benefits as part of the choice to stay or go. He was already aware of how important the benefits were to his life, but still he questioned whether he wanted to make the Air Force a career. He wanted to know and understand what would make a person stay or go.

With little notice and since he caught me by surprise (I never thought he was in doubt), I could only resort to one issue, an issue very close and personal to each and every one of us -- goal achievement. I proceeded to ask him a series of questions like,

"Why did you come in the Air Force?" "Since you've been in, have you satisfied your goals?" "If you have satisfied your goals, what are your new goals?" "How will, or can you satisfy your goals if you get out?"

He could not answer these questions to his own satisfaction. He certainly knew why he came in the Air Force but he

bewilderment crossed over his face. He thought he could get a good job back at home, but did not know what benefits the position provided and could not say, "I have the job." After nearly an hour and a half of conversation we came to some other issues that were also bothering him.

His current job, although

find it hard to get motivated. When we don't like our boss, one of two things eventually happens, you or your boss will move. In a civilian job, the people we work with are there until retirement unless someone quits.

I shared these thoughts with him and reassured him the Air Force is more than Davis-Monthan, more than the current pool of co-workers and more than this one job. However, each of us owns the responsibility to make the best of each situation, work on the issues causing us displeasure, and many times our perception of the situation may make things worse than they really are.

He still has not decided, but has extended his enlistment to accept another assignment. He has a new-found excitement about this change and, who knows, maybe the Air Force will get to keep this young, aggressive, energetic, and highly visible staff sergeant. I certainly believe the Air Force will be a much better place with him as a member.

So, when you are considering the big question to stay or go, seek the advice and thoughts of others (friends, co-workers, relatives, supervisors) and don't forget to evaluate your personal goals.

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could not, with all honesty, say his goals were satisfied. His goals were things like advanced education, improved financial security and travel.

He had not completed the level of education he had expected to complete at this point in his career. Financially he had not saved as much as he thought he would. And, Davis-Monthan was his only base, so travel certainly wasn't satisfied. So again I asked him, "How will or can you satisfy your goals if you get out?"

Silence, uncertainty and

marketable in the civilian community, was not providing the satisfaction he had expected. His office relationships were not as rewarding as he had hoped. And, he felt like he was just stagnating.

Some very interesting thoughts came out as we continued to talk. The military has one great advantage over civilian jobs -- all of us move at some time or the other.

This is especially important when we feel less satisfied than expected, don't have positive working relationships, or just



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

## Annual tree lighting ceremony

**Col. Del Eulberg, 99th Air Base Wing commander, flips the switch with kids for the Christmas tree lighting. the annual Nellis Tree Lighting Ceremony took place Sunday at the Chapel following the Children's Christmas program.**

## Receive free lodging in Mesquite

Mr. Randy Black, commander of the Nellis Support Team, is once again offering free rooms for Nellis military and civilian personnel at the Virgin River and Casablanca Hotels one hour north of Las Vegas in Mesquite. The following conditions apply:

- The reservations must be guaranteed by credit card at the time

they make the reservation.

- The offer is valid now until Jan. 31.

- The Virgin River offer is good seven days-a-week through Dec. 28 and Sunday through Thursday excluding holidays during January.

- The Casablanca offer is good Sunday through Thursday only, excluding holidays.

- There is a limited number of rooms available

each night; some dates are already sold out.

- There is no guarantee of special requests such as pool view, non-smoking and adjoining rooms.

- Military I.D. or appropriate civilian I.D. is required at the time of check in.

- Each guest is limited to six free nights per month.

## Holiday decorations

**Holiday decorations are authorized for 30 days before and after a holiday. No decorations or lights may be placed on the roof, stucco, or metal fencing at any time. Lights must be turned off by 11 p.m. and remain off during daylight hours.**







# Thinking of getting braces for your teeth?

Are you active duty and thinking about orthodontics to correct a misalignment of your teeth?

First and foremost, the Nellis dental clinic does not have an orthodontist. There are limited numbers of orthodontists in the Air Force and we are not fortunate enough to have one of them.

You should also know that most orthodontic care is elective in nature. Air Force Instruction 47-101 states: When orthodontic care is not available at the military facility an active-duty patient may elect to seek civilian orthodontic care at their own expense with the written approval of the dental squadron commander or his designee.

There is also a memorandum of understanding that the active-duty member must sign prior to obtaining braces. The AFI also states that rated personnel require written approval from Aerospace Medicine prior to seeking civilian orthodontic care.

These written documents are designed to protect the individual. For instance, time on station is an

important factor in determining whether or not you should begin orthodontics. Transferring a case from one civilian orthodontist to another after a PCS will probably increase costs for you.

Should you deploy for longer than four months or PCS to an area with no orthodontic care, you may be required to have your braces removed. A short deployment of up to four months will only require braces be deactivated during your deployment without removing them.

Last but not least, your squadron commander should know about your plans to get braces.

Our main concern is that you get treatment appropriate for you and provide the Air Force with a mission-ready force.

So before you get an appointment to get those teeth straightened, see the dental clinic first!

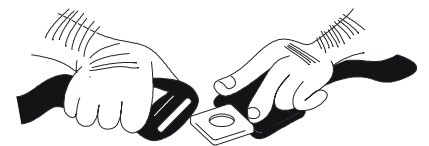
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Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

**Contact the 99th Dental Squadron before you agree to get braces from a civilian provider.**

**Buckle up and be safe.  
That click could save  
your life!**





# DoD announces RAND study of effects of chemical and biological agents

The Department of Defense and RAND Corporation announced today the release of RAND's literature review concerning chemical and biological warfare agents. This scientific review, one of eight reports commissioned by the special assistant to the deputy secretary of Defense for Gulf War illnesses, is intended to provide information on the health effects of chemical warfare agents and toxins, and to help determine on clinical grounds if personnel were exposed to these agents during or shortly after the Gulf War.

The report, "Chemical and Biological Warfare Agents," summarizes the existing unclassified scientific literature on the health effects of selected chemical and biological warfare agents that may have affected servicemembers who served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The review complements work recently released by the Institute of Medicine.

"This report is important because many veterans believe their illnesses can be traced to exposure to chemical warfare agents in the Gulf," Mr. Bernard

Rostker, the special assistant said. "This review is one step in our ongoing search for answers as to why some of our veterans are sick."

The report takes a detailed look at nerve agents, with a particular focus on possible long-term consequences of exposure. Research examined by RAND in-

veterans reporting health problems did so a year or more after returning.

The report also examines skin-damaging agents and toxins. As their name suggests, skin-damaging agents can cause blistering of the skin, as well as damage to the eyes and lungs. The biological toxins considered in

follow-up information from survivors of a Malaysian aflatoxin poisoning event.

RAND is a non-profit institution working to improve policy and decision-making through research and analysis. Its 50 years of experience and long history of working with the Department of Defense make the organization very well qualified to carry out this type of research.

This RAND literature review is posted on the GulfLINK web site at [http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/library/randrep/bw\\_paper](http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/library/randrep/bw_paper)

Other RAND literature reviews on pyridostigmine bromide, stress, depleted uranium and oil well fires, plus a review of the military use of drugs not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration for chemical warfare and biological warfare agent defense are posted on the GulfLINK web site [http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/narr\\_index.html](http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/narr_index.html).

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vestigators indicates that even low-level exposure that results in minor symptoms can cause subtle neurological effects as much as a year after the exposure. However, according to the report, the review of the literature found no reference to the onset of symptoms years after exposure to chemical warfare agents. About half of Gulf War

the report could all generate fatal illnesses that are virtually untreatable.

Citing gaps in the literature, the report recommends additional research, including a better understanding of the effects of mustard agents on the central nervous system, long-term follow-up studies of the Japanese exposed to sarin at low levels, and





## Artist captures spirit of horses



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**Above, Ms. Paula Morin photographs wild horses on the northeast portion of the Nellis Air Force Range, about 170 miles north of Nellis. Inset, a hand-colored photograph by Ms. Morin shows the beauty of the wild horse. She toured the Range Monday to gather data for her upcoming exhibit and book. She was accompanied by Mr. Mark Morse, manager of the Las Vegas office of the Bureau of Land Management, and BLM wildlife manager Mr. Gary McFadden. The Nellis Air Force Range currently supports about 1,200 wild horses. At the conclusion of the tour, Ms. Morin said it was "nice to see horses just being horses, and to see healthy land." She was referring to the healthy status of the horses and the good grazing conditions on the Range. Elsewhere in**

**Nevada, some horse herds have grown too large, sometimes leading to dehydration, starvation and death. Ms. Morin's exhibit is entitled "Honest Horses: a portrait of the mustang in Nevada's Great Basin." She said the exhibit's paintings and folklore would provide "an uncommon perspective on the intricate relationship of the wild horse with the land and people of the contemporary American West." The exhibit will travel throughout Nevada in 2001. It will go on display in the remaining 49 states in 2002. Her book is due to be published by University of Nevada Press in 2002.**

## DoD releases strategy report for Europe and NATO

Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Franklin D. Kramer announced Tuesday the publication of *Strengthening Transatlantic Security: A U.S. Strategy for the 21st Century*.

The report, commonly referred to as the "European Strategy Report," explains how the United States, working closely with its allies, can best prepare itself to meet the challenges of European and global security in the coming years.

The report highlights the key elements of U.S. strategy, which include enhancing the defense capabilities of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; adapting the multiple existing international structures (and, where necessary, creating new ones) to build security and prevent conflict; and paying special at-

tention to certain key regions adjacent to NATO.

To implement this strategy, the United States is enhancing NATO's Partnership for Peace; furthering a gradual, deliberate, and transparent process of NATO enlargement; building cooperative relationships with the Russian Federation and Ukraine; maintaining close bilateral relationships with our allies; and working cooperatively with allies and partners to enhance security beyond NATO's borders.

The report also highlights the critical and multifaceted role of the approximately 100,000 U.S. troops in Europe in achieving U.S. security objectives in Europe and neighboring regions.

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# Chemical weapons destruction complete on Johnston Atoll

*Army takes significant steps in eliminating chemical weapons stockpile on tiny South Pacific island*

Monday, the U.S. Army took a major step in safely eliminating the U.S. chemical weapons stockpile by demilitarizing the last of the chemical munitions stockpiled on Johnston Atoll in the Pacific.

The operators of the Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System completed destruction on Nov. 29 of more than 13,000 land mines that were filled with nerve agent VX. These land mines were the last of the chemical munitions stored on Johnston Atoll to be destroyed. The facility, located 825 miles southwest of Hawaii, is the nation's first fully integrated facility designed specifically for the disposal of chemical weapons.

## Accomplishment

"The soldiers and contractors who have safely destroyed the chemical weapons on Johnston Island should be extremely proud of their accomplishment," said Army Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. "This is an historical event which will improve the security of the United States and provide hope for the rest of the world that the 21st century will be safer for our children and grandchildren."

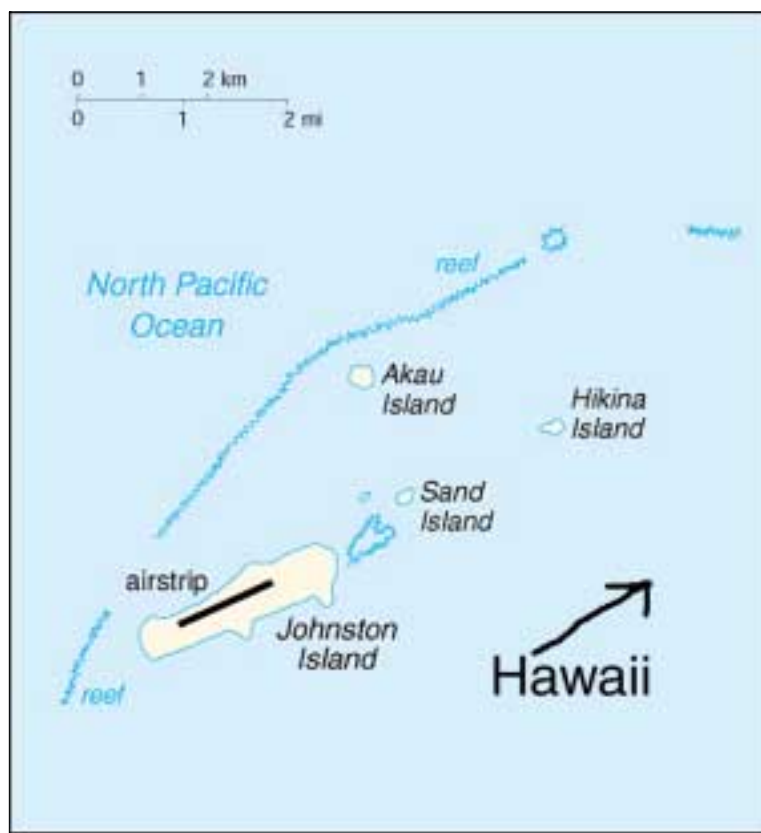
"Completion of the VX land mine campaign, the last of the Johnston Island chemical weapons stockpile, paves the way for the Army to close its doors at JACADS," said Mr. James Bacon, the Army's program manager for Chemical Demilitarization. "JACADS is a model of safe and successful operations for the Army's eight other disposal sites, as well as for

other countries that are looking to safely destroy their stockpiles of chemical weapons."

"Over the past 10 years, JACADS has safely destroyed more than 400,000 rockets, projectiles, bombs, mortars, ton containers, and mines," said JACADS Project Manager Gary McCloskey. "JACADS also has destroyed more than 2,000 tons of chemical agent in the form of nerve agent (GB, also known as Sarin, and VX) and blister agent. Our 100-percent destruction of Johnston Island's stockpile adds up to six percent of the nation's original total stockpile."

## Enhanced safety

During the JACADS disposal campaigns, the Army tracked the process to continuously improve and enhance safety for workers, the community, and the environment. This knowledge and experience is being applied to the Army's other disposal facilities to ensure that safe destruction of chemical weapons continues. The Army also will share information with other countries that are re-



**The U.S. territory Johnston Atoll is located 825 miles southwest of Hawaii. The territory will commemorate the successful end of the chemical disposal operation with a ceremony in the fall of 2001.**

involved in JACADS since its inception, and has provided the design support, equipment procurement and installation, acceptance testing, and operations and maintenance of the facility.

"We have been looking forward to this day since

ber of the team that is doing its part in safely ridding our country and the world of chemical weapons."

Working in cooperation with several federal oversight agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PMCD is now preparing to close JACADS. Part of the process leading to closure will include disposing secondary waste that was produced during disposal operations. In addition, Chemical Agent Identification Sets that were shipped from Guam remain to be destroyed. The Army is currently working with the EPA to refine the procedures for safe and environmentally sound destruction of these sets. Closure is scheduled to take up to 33 months.

**Land mine destruction**  
VX land mines were

manufactured in the late 1950s and early 1960s and were designed to disperse lethal agent upon detonation. They are filled with VX nerve agent, a clear, odorless and tasteless liquid that affects the nervous system. More than 100,000 VX landmines were manufactured in the United States and 13,302 were stored on Johnston Island.

## Safe storage

Since 1971, the commander U.S. Army, Pacific has been charged with the mission of safely storing these munitions. For almost 30 years, USARPAC provided soldiers who spent year-long tours on this small island, away from their families, to ensure that the weapons were safely stored until they were destroyed. This long, dedicated and successful service is a testimony to the professionalism of thousands of USARPAC soldiers of several generations.

Construction of JACADS began in 1985 after years of research into safe destruction procedures. Operations began in 1990. Former and present USARPAC commanders and U.S. Army program managers for Chemical Demilitarization have worked together closely to complete the mission safely and efficiently.

PMCD plans to commemorate the end of successful disposal operations at JACADS with a series of events scheduled for next year, culminating in a ceremony on Johnston Island in the fall of 2001.

**Editor's note: Information provided by Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs.**

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Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology**

searching technologies to destroy their chemical weapons stockpiles.

Washington Demilitarization Co., formerly the Raytheon Demilitarization Co., has been in-

JACADS started operating in June 1990," said Mr. Robert Love Jr., vice president for Washington Demilitarization Co. and JACADS program director. "I am proud to be a mem-





# TriCare provides enhanced benefits

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Active-duty servicemembers and their families should look for major new benefits coming soon in the Department of Defense's TriCare managed health care plan, a senior program official said.

Col. Frank Cumberland, TriCare Management Activity director of communications and customer service, said the most publicized TriCare change in the defense budget signed Oct. 30 has been the opening up of benefits to Medicare-eligible retirees age 65 and older. The coming wave of change, however, won't overlook active-duty members and families, he added.

Some of the benefits being added to TriCare within the next year include:

- Active-duty family members will no longer have to make co-payments for care from a civilian provider after April 30, 2001.

- Family members of active-duty troops in remote locations become eligible for the TriCare Prime Remote program Oct. 1, 2001.

- DoD will have a five-year period to phase in making chiropractic care available to active-duty troops.

TriCare and health affairs officials are still working out the details on these changes and will imple-

ment them when plans are complete, Cumberland said.

TriCare managers are also working to increase access for school physicals, and eliminate the need for some nonavailability statements and some referrals for specialty care. Some of these issues may not come to pass before a new TriCare contract is awarded, perhaps in 2003 or 2004, program officials said.

Dr. H. James Sears, executive director of the TriCare Management Activity, called the changes outlined in this year's budget legislation "the biggest platter of benefit changes" since the mid-1960s. TriCare, he said, is adding benefits and continues to lower beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs and, in the process, taking the irritants out of the TriCare program and improving accessibility."

Sears said people generally evaluate their health care system based on three factors:

- The quality of care.
- The range of benefits.
- Cost.

"When you look at TriCare, those are all slam dunks," Sears said.

For more information, visit the TriCare Web site, [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

**Editor's note: Information provided by Air Force News Service.**





# Sidewinder upgrade will improve kill ratio

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Missiles Division of the Space and Special Systems Management Directorate here recently celebrated the completion of a major upgrade of the Air Force's air-to-air AIM-9M-9 Sidewinder missile.

Members of the AIM-9M-9 integrated process team from Robins Air Force Base attended a ceremony at Letterkenny Munitions Center in Chambersburg, Penn., marking the building of the last updated missile.

The Sidewinder is a heat-seeking, short-range, air-to-air missile used by most U.S. fighter aircraft and the A-10 ground support aircraft. Its guidance system pinpoints the engine exhaust of targets, enabling the pilot to launch and leave while

the missile guides itself to the target.

"The purpose of the modification is to improve counter-counter measure capability," said Mr. Paul Wellborn, deputy chief of the missiles division. "Enemy aircraft throw out flares to confuse the missile and we corrected that problem. It gives the war fighter's missiles a higher probability of a kill."

The modification program delivered 6,600 modified missiles to Air Force field units, according to logistics analyst Mr. Paul Bennett, a contractor from Value Systems Engineering working with the missiles division.

"All test sets had to be modified, too, to check out the new capability," said logistics manager Mr. John Collins, also a contractor from VSE. "They

had to be modified before the missiles could be sent to the field."

Mr. Bennett said the upgrade and delivery of the missiles to the field involved a "lot of coordination" between Warner Robins Air Force Base, the manufacturer, the armed services and Letterkenny. He said 179 deliveries were made to 84 locations in the United States and around the world, bringing the older missiles back for modifications and sending new missiles out so as not to reduce inventory for the war fighter.

"If any part had broken down in the round-robin flow, it would have put everything behind schedule," Mr. Bennett said. "We couldn't wait for a warehouse full of shipments. They need missiles on day one of a war."

**The AIM-9 Sidewinder is a supersonic, heat-seeking, air-to-air missile carried by the A-10 and fighter aircraft. It has a high-explosive warhead and an active infrared guidance system. The upgrade will make the missile less likely to react to counter measures such as flares, and will improve the kill ratio.**



File photo

## Thunderbirds Christmas break

**U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," Museum will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 1 for the team's Christmas break. There will be no public tours Dec. 26 or 28. Normal hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will resume Jan. 2.**







# Play it safe when shopping on the Web

This holiday season, no matter what people are in the market for – the latest high-tech gadget, a rare antique or even the tree to put it under – it is likely it can be found on-line. But virtual shopping, like traditional shopping, isn't without risks. Here are some tips from the Federal Trade Commission to help consumers shop safely on-line.

- Know the company. If you've never heard of the seller, check on its location and reputation with the Better Business Bureau or the state attorney general's office.

- Protect your privacy. Provide personal information only if necessary. Know who's collecting it, why and how it's going to be used.

- Guard passwords. Use different passwords when making a purchase than ones

used to log on to your computer or network.

- Pay the safest way. A credit card offers the most consumer protections.

- Order only on a secure server. Look for an unbroken key or padlock at the bottom of the browser window to ensure the transmission is protected.

- Buy only from Web vendors that protect financial information when ordering on-line.

- Check shipping and handling fees. Don't forget to factor these into the cost of the order, and to choose the delivery option that best meets your needs.

- Track purchases. Keep printouts of the web pages with details about the transaction, including return policies.

**Editor's note: Information provided by the Federal Trade Commission.**



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi



# Warrior of the Week

**Staff Sgt. Michael Sewell**



**Unit:** U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, Thunderbirds

**Duty Title:** Operation resource management craftsman

**Hometown:** Sheldon, Mo.

**Time in Air Force:** 10 years

**Time at Nellis:** 1 year and 6 months

**Hobbies:** Coin collecting and running

**What's my favorite Air Force memory?** The day I found out I was selected for the T-birds.

**If I could improve one thing on Nellis?** I would create a better and safer running area on base.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

## Blood drive

**Nellis' largest blood drive of the year takes place Dec. 14 and 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fitness Center Auxillary Gym. Contact Lt. Stella Grayson at 652-7256 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.**



## ROWC luncheon

**The Retired Officers' Wives Club holds its monthly luncheon Wednesday at noon, in the Nellis Officers' Club. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. For reservations, call 656-8088.**





# Basketball returns

By Airman 1st Class Kevin Smith  
99th Services Squadron

The sounds of whistles blowing and basketballs bouncing on a hard-wood floor can only mean one thing – basketball is back. The 2000-01 intramural basketball season is now underway at the Sports and Fitness Center. Squadron teams are competing Monday through Friday in the Carter Gymnasium. Game times are 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m.

This season promises to be a good one. Defending base champion 99th Supply Squadron again fields a strong team. The 99th Security Forces Squadron is always tough and a pre-season look at 99th Services Squadron, 99th Communications Squadron, 57th Logistics Support Squadron, and 99th Civil Engineer Squadron points to a very competitive program this year.

But you can never count out the rest of the teams. It does not matter who is number one at the beginning of the season. What matters is who finishes the season on top. Only time will tell who will be crowned base champ.

The Sports and Fitness Center staff would like to invite the base community to come out and cheer for their team. You won't be disappointed.



Photo by Airman 1st Class James May III

**Left, Steven Mitchell #53 (Army) and Glen Franklin #12 (Army) try to block a shot from a 57th OSS player, center.**

## Football parties

### Football Frenzy

All football fans are welcome to come out to the Officers' Club, Enlisted Club or Time Out Sports Bar & Grill for Air Combat Command's Football Frenzy 2000. Officers' and Enlisted Club members are eligible to win great prizes all season long, just by watching Monday Night Football. Last chance to enter to win prizes is Dec. 18, for a trip to see the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. All trips include airfare, hotel and rental car. Some lucky person may also win a \$150 club card credit. Winners of Football Frenzy must be club members. *SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines, and Pioneer Military Lending sponsor Football Frenzy. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.*

### Super Bowl Party

Time Out Sports Bar & Grill hosts a Super Bowl party Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. The party includes free half-time food with hot dogs and a taco bar. Drawings will be held at the end of each quarter and the party runs until closing. For more information, call 562-2880.





# Prepare holiday food safely

By Airman 1st Class Grace Hall  
Public Health Flight

One of the best things about the holiday season is the elaborate meals that go along with it. Unfortunately, without the proper knowledge of food preparation, these delectable meals could lead to vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal cramping and ultimately a trip to the emergency room. From the Christmas turkey or New Year's ham, whatever is on your holiday menu, follow these simple guidelines to keep yourself and your family from getting any food-borne illnesses that could really put a damper on holiday fun.

1) Thaw all foods in the refrigerator. Organisms grow extremely well in temperatures between 41 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Thawing foods in the refrigerator will help limit the amount of time your food spends in this "danger zone."

2) Wash your hands frequently. Scrubbing your hands with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds helps tremendously in removing bacteria that can contaminate food. This should be done before, during and after any food preparation.

3) Clean and sanitize food-contact surfaces before and after use. Counter tops and cutting boards can harbor harmful bacteria. To prevent this bacteria from contaminating food, wash your counter tops and cutting boards with warm soapy

water, rinse with hot water and sanitize them using a solution of 1 teaspoon bleach to 1 gallon of water at room temperature.

4) Prevent cross contamination. If only one cutting board is used, prepare fruits and vegetables prior to any raw animal products. Also, cook the turkey and stuffing separately. Stuffing can soak up raw juices and, if not cooked thoroughly, could cause serious illness.

5) Check temperatures. Do not rely on the pop-up thermometers that come with the turkey or the color of the meat to determine whether or not the meat is done. The only way to accurately be sure the meat is done is to use a meat thermometer. Check the temperature near the bone or the thickest portion of meat to ensure it has been thoroughly cooked to at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

6) Refrigerate leftovers right away. Freeze any leftovers that won't be eaten within 7 days. After 7 days, bacteria can grow to unsafe levels and possibly cause illness.

7) Reheat leftovers to 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

8) Never re-freeze leftovers.

Keeping these simple rules in mind can help make the holidays more enjoyable for everyone. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

If you have any questions regarding food safety, call the Public Health Flight at 653-3351.

## Hot new toy scooter: treat it like a bike

Is that a bike, maybe a skateboard or perhaps a scooter? Nope, it's a Go-Ped! It has two wheels, a standing platform and a handlebar for control. The rider stands on one leg, while pushing with the other.

First popular in the 60's and 70's, today the scooter has evolved into a modern high-tech, fashion vehicle that not only gets 120 miles per gallon of gas, but also reaches speeds of 20 mph. Motorists and lawmakers are raising concern over right-of-passage on the roads and sidewalks. Safety has taken front stage to good old fun and has all participants in an upheaval over what is safe.

The Go-Ped "generic" is sold in many versions, non-motorized and motorized. The most complex Go-Ped version has a direct-drive motor, brakes, high-tech suspension and competes with Mopeds in many ways. The Go-Ped evolution has generated legislation in some states regulating their use. California now requires motorized Go-Ped operators to be at least 16 years of age, wear a helmet, operate in the bike lane only (not the sidewalk) and not exceed 15 mph. Currently Nevada does not have legislation pending for Go-Peds.

The 99th Air Base Wing policy on bicycling and skating has been amended to include motorized and non-motorized Go-

Peds and safety guidelines. The same policies that affect skating also apply to non-motorized Go-Peds. Skating is allowed at Runners World, vacant outside basketball courts, noncongested parking lots and sidewalks within the base. However, activities for which the area was designated take priority, and skating will stop when personnel seek to engage in that activity. Skating is not permitted on Nellis streets, including those within base housing areas. Skating is also not permitted at the Base Exchange, Commissary and golf course parking lots or on tennis courts. Approved bicycle helmets are mandatory for all personnel and all ages, while skating. It is strongly recommended that skaters also use wrist, elbow and kneepads. Skating is restricted to daylight hours except on lighted basketball courts. Motorized Go-Peds are treated as motorized bicycles and mopeds. Motorized scooter operators must be at least 16 years of age, wear approved helmets, operate scooters on the far right side of the road or bicycle lane (use on sidewalk is prohibited) and not exceed 15 mph.

Remember, safety is always the guide for new fads. Be careful and enjoy the holidays.

**Editor's note: Information provided by the Air Warfare Center Safety Office.**



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### **Crosswinds closure**

Crosswinds Dining Facility is temporarily closed for the holiday season. It re-opens for lunch Jan. 2. For more information, call the food service office at 652-7255.

### **Retirement ceremonies**

Everyone is invited to the retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Gerald Clark, 99th Security Forces Squadron, Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Enlisted Club. Light refreshments served. For more information, call 652-1604.

The Nellis community is invited to the retirement ceremony of Lt. Col. Kevin Klingenberg, 99th Security Forces Squadron. The ceremony is Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Officers' Club.

### **Be a hero**

Families can win a drive-to vacation getaway just for spending time together using a Services facility. The vacation getaway includes a 3-night, 4-day stay at one of nearly 100 hotel properties. Locations include Honolulu, Hawaii; Anaheim, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; Orlando, Fla.; and Paris, France. To participate, pick up a "Hero" card at most Services facilities. Each

time you use a designated program with your children you receive a stamp. Only five stamps are needed to enter in the weekly drawing. Bonus stamps may be earned by using the [www.servicity.com](http://www.servicity.com) Web site. On Friday, the winner will receive a \$200 AT&T long-distance voucher. For more information, call the Services Marketing Department at 652-5655. *AT&T and Servicity sponsor the "Be a Hero" program.*

### **Palace Chase briefing**

The next Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefings are at 2 p.m. Wednesday and Dec. 27 in Bldg. 20, room 202. For more information, call Customer Service at 652-9073.

### **Palace Front briefing**

The next Palace Front Air Force Reserve briefing is 1 p.m. Dec. 21 in Bldg. 20, room 319. For more information, call 652-4806 or 652-9423.

### **Parents' Day Out**

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club and the Child Development Center have teamed up to give parents a break. Children ages 6 and up can stay at the Boys & Girls Club for \$10. The younger children can stay at the

Child Development Center. For age 3 and over, the cost is \$3.50 an hour. Under 3 is \$4 an hour. Parents' Day Out is Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and reservations will be taken through Wednesday.

### **Red Cross**

Due to the holidays, Red Cross volunteer orientation is not held until Jan 5. For more information, call the Red Cross office at 652-2106.

The Red Cross community first aid and safety course begins Dec. 20 in the Red Cross conference room in Bldg. 625 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course includes adult CPR, infant and child CPR and first aid. Advance registration and payment of the course fee are mandatory. For more information, call the Red Cross at 652-2106.

### **Officers' Club closure**

The Officers' Club dining facility will close Thursday at 2 p.m. due to a special function. The 10% retiree discount in the Eagle Room will be offered Friday.

### **Teen Green program**

Nellis Boys & Girls Club accepts referrals for any odd jobs in the

Nellis community. Teens 13 through 18 can get a job doing these odd jobs by calling Ms. Cindy Berg at 652-9307.

### **Congressional Award program**

Young adults ages 14 through 23 can receive this award by achieving goals in personal development, volunteering in public service, physical fitness and expedition and exploration. Next meeting is held on Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. Call 652-9307 for more information.

### **Free bowling special**

Bring your parents and bowl free! Youth ages 17 and under can bowl free by bringing their parents to the Bowling Center Mondays through Fridays, Dec. 18-29 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents pay regular price.

### **Pet care**

Nevada climate is dry both winter and summer. Pets may have problems with itching and scratching. Be sure to use only veterinary shampoos, because human shampoos can add to the problem.

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#### **"Who's Your Hero" contest**

Children are encouraged to write in 100 words or less why they view their parents as heroes. One entry is selected weekly command-wide. Winners receive \$100 in on-line shopping for their hero. Go to [www.servicity.com](http://www.servicity.com) to enter. Contest ends Dec. 8. AT&T and Servicity are sponsors of this program.

#### **Elegant Dining 2000**

Come to Tickets and Tours to get the Las Vegas Coupon and Cookbook. There are recipes from 69 popular restaurants plus coupons valued at over \$700. Retail value is \$38.95 but ITT is selling it for \$22. Makes a great holiday gift!

#### **Ski at Brian Head**

Ski at Brian Head, Utah, with Tickets & Tours Ski Trips Dec. 16, Jan. 6 and 20, Feb. 3 and March 17. There are six lifts and a total of 53 trails. Bus leaves approximately 4 a.m. from Bldg. 625 and leaves from Brian Head at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$70 per person and includes lift

ticket. Ski rentals are not included in the price. Outdoor Recreation rentals are available. Call Tickets and Tours for deadlines and travel information, 652-2192.

#### **Dog obedience class**

Dog obedience classes begin Jan. 11 and run Thursdays for 7 weeks starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 and dog must be at least 3 months old. First class is for handlers only. For more information, call the Community Center at 652-9307.

#### **Ceramics class**

An adult "pick and paint" class is Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Skills Development Center. Cost is \$15 per ceramic piece. Registration is required one week in advance. Call 652-2849 for details.

#### **Housing Information**

Customers can now call the Housing Office at 652-1840 and find out information using the new automated attendant system. Information is available on the housing waiting list, the approximate waiting time and where you

are on the BAH waiting list. Callers can be transferred to a specific counselor, update a housing application, list a house for rent or sale, and more. Phone numbers for other agencies are also available, such as the Facility Improvement Center, Lodging, Nellis Cable and Clark County Animal Control, to name a few. To avoid unnecessary delays, any time during a message a caller can now press the zero button and be transferred to the main reception desk.

#### **Ongoing classes**

Students and adults can take Tae Kwon Do, Kung Fu and dance classes at the Boys & Girls Club. Children ages 3-12 may also take gymnastics. For costs or schedule information, call Mr. Reese Davis at 652-9307.

#### **Cooking and decorating**

Ages 11 through 18 can be creative in the kitchen. Hands-on cooking is at 2 p.m. and cake decorating is at 4 p.m. Saturdays in January at the Boys & Girls

Club. Cost for each class is \$10 per month. For more information, call 652-9307.

#### **Legal Office closing**

The Base Legal Office will be closing at 1 p.m. on Dec. 15 for an official function. In the event of an emergency, please call 286-0284.

#### **Thrift Shop**

The Thrift Shop currently has a nice selection of Christmas trees and decorations. To consign, bring items and a valid I.D. to the Thrift Shop Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of every month 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shop is open until 2 p.m. for sales. For those who have a little extra time on their hands, the Thrift Shop needs volunteers. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 644-3777.

#### **Family Swap meet**

The Nellis Boys & Girls Club swap meet is Jan. 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center Dock. Reserve a table for \$15 by calling 652-9307.



# Nellis Living

## Base Theater 652-5020

### Show times

Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. To subscribe to the e-mail mail list, send your requests to [angel1m@lvcn.com](mailto:angel1m@lvcn.com).

### Today

#### Pay It Forward (PG-13)

Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt

#### Saturday, Sunday Bedazzled (PG-13)

Brendan Fraser,  
Elizabeth Hurley

### Monday

#### Dr. T & The Women Richard Gere, Helen Hunt

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**\*\* The Theater is  
closed Tuesday and  
Wednesday.\*\***

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## Chapel 652-2950

### Chapel holiday schedule

#### Protestant:

Dec. 17-Christmas Cantata 8 and 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7 and 9 p.m.

#### Jewish :

Dec. 22-Hanukkah begins at sundown

#### Catholic:

Dec. 19-Penance Service 7 p.m.

Dec. 24-Mass 9:45 a.m.

#### No 12:30 p.m. Mass Christmas Schedule

Dec. 24-Christmas Eve Children's Mass 5 p.m.; Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11 p.m.

Dec. 25-Christmas Day Mass 9:45 a.m.

No 12:30 p.m. Mass  
Jan. 1-No Mass

## Weekly schedule: Catholic worship

**Mass:** Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

## Protestant worship

**Sunday:** Gospel service, 8 a.m. Traditional service, 11:15 a.m.

## Classes/Activities

### Religious Education

**Catholic Religious Education classes** for ages 3 through 12th grade are Sundays from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 652-5953.

**RCIA**, for any adult interested in becoming a Catholic, is Sundays at 1:45 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 651-6587.

**Protestant Religious Education classes** (18 months to adult) are Sundays from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m. For more information, call 652-7950.

**Young Adult Ministry** (formerly Singles) meets Tuesdays 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the Chapel Annex. New study begins Tuesday. For more information, call 644-6568.

**Men of the Chapel** meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel basement.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** meets Sundays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel basement.

**Widows in the Neighborhood** monthly activities include lunches, local tours and attending performances. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

**Bible Study** is Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 459-1324 or 453-4858.

**Christian Military Fellowship** joins Officers'

Christian Fellowship in providing weekly bible studies to all ranks. To find one near you, call 656-8707.

## Automotive Skills 652-2284

## Front brake class

The free class Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. will teach how to replace front brakes. For more information, call the Automotive Skills Center.

## Community Center 652-5014

## Rent a Santa suit

Santa suits are available for rental at the Community Center. Cost is \$20 a day and includes belt, boot covers, wig, beard and white gloves.

## Family Support Center 652-3327

## Art of interviewing

Learn what employers are looking for. This one-hour seminar Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m., will help you prepare for and be successful at the interviewing process.

## Couples seminar

Come to this continuing video presentation series to learn how to improve communication skills. Last session is Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m.

## Ready, set, grow

Class is Monday, 10 to 11 a.m. for parents of children between the ages of 3 and 36 months. Join with other parents to reinforce parenting skills and learn new ones.

## Are you fiscally fit?

Come to *In and Out Budget*. This class is held Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Bring your pay statements, receipts, checkbook, bills and a calculator. Help will be provided completing the financial readiness forms. Then sign up for a free financial check-up.

## Job search

Come to *Job Search in Las Vegas* Tuesday 9 to 11 a.m. and see how the Career Focus Program can help with resumes, interviewing techniques and networking. Register for the computerized job bank. Call 652-3327 to register.

## Welcome to Nellis

This class is offered Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet other newcomers, learn about the local community, take a bus tour of Nellis and have a free lunch courtesy of Burger King. Child care is provided compliments of the Officer's Spouses Club. Call now for reservations.

## Transition help

Transition Assistance Program Strategies, a 3-day workshop to help prepare for civilian life, is offered in conjunction with the Departments of Labor and Veterans Affairs Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop is for those who are retiring or separating. Registration is required.

## Education Office 652-5280

## Free pictures

CCAF graduates can pick up their free pictures at the Education Office.

## Study/test skills

You can improve your learning and study habits just in time for the upcoming college term. Classes are open to all Nellis community members. Call the Education Office for details.

## Tuition assistance

All Nellis personnel receiving T.A. must have a tuition assistance form filled out prior to enrollment in any class.

## Class registration

Community College of Southern Nevada on-base registration runs Jan. 2-12. Term begins Jan. 16. Embryo-Riddle registration begins Monday; classes start Jan. 8.

## Nellis Boys & Girls Club 652-9307

## Gift wrapping

The Boys & Girls Club is wrapping gifts in the main lobby of AAFES Base Exchange today from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Donations are being accepted and there is a five-package maximum.

## Fine arts contest

The National Fine Arts exhibit provides the opportunity to display art locally and a chance to exhibit nationally if art is selected. The photography contest creates an outlet for national recognition. Ages 18 and under may participate. All entries must be in by Dec. 29. For more information, call Mr. Reese Davis or Ms. Rosetta Robinson at 652-9307.

## Outdoor Recreation 652-8967

## Zion National Park

Zion's trip on Dec. 26 will include a stop at the visitors' center, then a tour of the park. Tour stops at St. George, Utah, before returning to Nellis between 5 and 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person.

## Skills Development Center 652-2849

## Holiday card class

Saturday, create 16 photo holiday cards from 10 a.m. to noon or bring 20 to 30 pictures to create a 5x7-inch gift album from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$15 for cards and \$30 for album class, price includes all supplies. Preregistration is required.

## Scrapbook workshop

Come in and work on a scrapbook that will preserve family photos and memorabilia. Classes are Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6 for novices and \$3 for those with experience. Adults and children 10 and up can participate.